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REMARKS

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1. OFFICIAL TEXT OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S REMARKS AT NAMIBIA
INSTITUTE OPENING RELATED TO PRESS VARY CONSIDERABLY FROM
WHAT HE ACTUALLY SAID. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE PASSAGE
WHICH DISCUSSES ROLE OF WESTERN COUNTRIES IN NAMIBIA. IN
OFFICIAL TEXT PRESIDENT WAS TO HAVE SAID, "THE COLLABORATION
OF CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES WITH RACIST SOUTH AFRICA MAKES
A MOCKERY OF THOSE COUNTRIES' STAND AT THE UNITED NATIONS
PURPORTING TO BE IN FAVOR OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA.
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THE AMBIVALENCE AND HYPOCRISY OF THOSE COUNTRIES IS DE-

PLORABLE." JUST BEFORE DELIVERING THIS BIT, KAUNDA APPEARED TO HAVE LOST HIS PLACE IN HIS PREPARED SPEECH. AFTER A PERIOD OF THREE TO FOUR MINUTES, DURING WHICH HE FUMBLED FOR LOST PASSAGE AND TEARS BEGAN TO STREAM FROM HIS EYES, HE THEN LAUNCHED ANEW. HE SAID, REFERRING TO WESTERN COUNTRIES, "THEY ARE HYPTCRITICAL DOUBLE DEALERS RUNNING WITH HARES AND HUNTING WITH HOUNDS." HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THEY PRETEND TO SUPPORT NAMIBIA IN UNITED NATIONS AND AT SAME TIME CONTINUE SUPPORT TO SOUTH AFRICA. IT WAS ALSO AT THIS POINT WHEN KAUNDA LAUNCHED FOLLOWING APPEAL TO UNIDENTIFIED NATIONS, WHICH WAS ALSO OMITTED IN DISTRIBUTED WRITTEN TEXT. "IF YOU CAN'T BE MOVED BY PRINCIPLES, PLEASE GET MOVED BY FEAR THAT SWAPO IS GOING TO TAKE OVER." NOTHING STANDS BETWEEN US AND VICTORY EXCEPT THE NATIONS THAT SUPPORT THE EVIL REGIME. ZAMBIA TAKES STRONG EXCEPTION TO DOUBLE DEALERS."

2. PRESS FOCUSSED ON MORE EXTREME STATEMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT AND BARELY MENTIONED HIS REMARKS ABOUT CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE NAMIBIA INSTITUTE WILL PLAY IN PROVIDING FUTURE TECHNICIANS FOR AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA.

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